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Argentina, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, Morocco, Peru, Senegal, Spain, Turkey and Uruguay: draft resolution

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 46/99 of 16 December 1991 and taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/17 of 27 June 1993,

Taking note of the report of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its activities, 1/

Stressing the need for independent research to ensure that policy-making and project implementation address issues and emerging areas of concern to women, and the role of the Institute therein,

Reaffirming the unique and specific role of the Institute in the areas of research and training which can facilitate the systematic inclusion of women as partners in development programmes and projects,

Recognizing the important role that the Institute could play in the substantive preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women,

Convinced that sustainable development cannot be achieved without the full participation of women,

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1/ A/48/301, annex.

1. Expresses its satisfaction with the report of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its activities;

2. Commends the Institute for its efforts to focus on problems that constitute barriers to improving the status of women, thereby impeding their overall development and progress;

3. Urges the Institute to continue to strengthen its activities in the areas of research, training and information aimed at mainstreaming women in development strategies and giving women greater visibility by valuating their contribution to social and economic development as important means of empowering women and improving their status;

4. Requests the Institute to assist with the substantive preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women, given its key role in the areas of research and training and its expertise in statistics pertaining to women;

5. Emphasizes the unique function of the Institute as the only entity within the United Nations system devoted exclusively to research and training for the integration of women in development, and stresses the importance of making its research findings available for policy purposes and for operational activities;

6. Expresses its appreciation for the continued efforts of the Institute to strengthen its programmatic linkages with other United Nations organizations, regional commissions, government and non-governmental organizations, research institutes and other organizations and groups, thereby broadening the scope of its operations, making optimum use of its limited financial resources and ensuring that its work is more widely disseminated and has greater impact;

7. Expresses its appreciation also to those Governments and organizations that have contributed to or supported the activities of the Institute;

8. Invites States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women so that the Institute can fulfil its mandate and ensure the full participation and proper recognition of women in society;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session a report on the activities of the Institute, including a detailed description of its administrative and institutional status, under the item entitled "Advancement of women".